

[18th August 1925]

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know what special grants the Government have sanctioned to the colleges at Trichinopoly and Mangalore with a view to foster an embryo university life in them? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Grants are given according to the Grant-in-Aid Code. If there are any special grants applied for they will be considered in the light of the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Cannot the Grant-in-Aid Code be amended so as to foster university life? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answer to clause (a) of this question."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Will the Government be pleased to see that the objects mentioned in the Code are carried out in practice? "

Revision of the Madras Educational Rules.

* 50 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to answer to clause (d) of question No. 483, dated 18th March 1925, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal now before the Government to revise the Madras Educational Rules so as to make more liberal concessions to the members of the depressed classes in the secondary schools?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.Os. No. 707, Law (Education), dated 5th May 1925, and No. 855, Law (Education), dated 19th May 1925, published at pages 194 and 247-248 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 12th May 1925 and 23rd June 1925, respectively.

Registration.

Promotions and punishments in the Registration Department.

* 51 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Sub-Registrars in the higher and lower grades, including probationers, who have been compelled to resign, dismissed, suspended or fined and whose increments have been stopped, during the years 1922 to 1924;

(b) the number of appeals preferred to Government for mitigation of punishment and the number of cases, in which the punishments were reduced or cancelled;

(c) how many Sub-Registrars of the lower grade have been promoted to the upper grade as a special case, between 1922 and 1924;

(d) whether it is a fact that Mr. Venkata Rao and Sriman Charam Das Baishnab of the Ganjam district were promoted to the upper grade in preference to seniors;

(e) if so, how many seniors have been overlooked and whether such promotions were made on the recommendation of the head of the department, or at the will and pleasure of the hon. the Minister;

(f) whether the claims of minorities and backward communities were considered in these promotions; and

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(g) whether it is a fact that the Inspector-General of Registration has not given effect to certain promotions which have been ordered by the Government; if so, what action has been taken by the Government to carry out their orders?

A.—(a)	Compelled to resign	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
	Dismissed	...	...	...	...	...	9
	Suspended	...	...	...	...	...	38
	Fined	...	...	...	...	...	34
	Increment stopped	...	...	...	...	...	99

(b) Appeals were preferred in twenty-five cases and in eight of these the punishments were either reduced or cancelled.

(c) Two.

(d) Yes.

(e) As regards the first part of the question, the hon. Member is referred to the list of registering officers. As regards the latter part, the promotions were recommended by the head of the department.

(f) Yes.

(g) No.

Travelling allowance drawn by the Inspector-General of Registration.

* 52 Q.—MR. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the total amount paid to the Inspector-General of Registration towards travelling allowance from 1922 to 1925?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the reply to the question No. 121 of the first Session of the Legislative Council held on 5th February 1924. The amount of travelling allowance drawn during 1923-24 and 1924-25 (including charges for conveyance of motor-car) were Rs. 6,836 and Rs. 4,832, respectively.

Transfers in the Registration Department.

* 53 Q.—MR. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in the Registration Department transfers are frequently made without adequate reason, to the great inconvenience of the officers concerned?

A.—No.

Co-operative Societies.

Audit of co-operative societies.

* 54 Q.—MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to devise means whereby they would be relieved of the cost of audit of co-operative societies;

(b) how far the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee regarding substitution of 'honorary' for 'official' agency in Co-operative Department have been carried out;

(c) the object of appointing honorary assistant registrars; and

(d) how far the object has been achieved?